

Operating Instructions

Single Conveying Hopper Loader SSE-2



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1. General instructions



These instructions apply to all persons within the range of action of the equipment.

These operating instructions are to be used by all persons assigned activities connected with the equipment.

1.1. Warnings and symbols

The following warnings and symbols are used in these operating instructions:



This symbol indicates danger to life. Fatal or serious injury is possible if the corresponding instructions, regulations or warnings are not observed.



This symbol indicates that serious injury is possible if the corresponding instructions, regulations or warnings are not observed.



This symbol indicates that extensive damage to equipment is possible if the corresponding instructions, regulations or warnings are not observed.



This symbol indicates information important for becoming familiar with the equipment, i.e. technical correlations.



This symbol indicates that a technical term is explained at this point.

1.2. Explanations and information

Various terms are used in these operating instructions to ensure clarity. Therefore please note that the terms used in the text stand for the corresponding explanations listed below.

- Equipment: "Equipment" can mean an individual unit, a machine or an installation.
- Operating personnel: The "operating personnel" are persons operating the equipment on their own responsibility or according to instructions.
- Operator: The "operator" of the equipment (production manager, foreman, etc.) is the person responsible for all production sequences. The operator instructs the operating personnel of what is to be done.
- Operating instructions: The "operating instructions" describe the interaction of the
 equipment, production sequences or methods. The operating instructions must be
 compiled by the operator of the equipment.
- Equipment foreman: When several operating personnel work on one machine, the "equipment foreman" coordinates the sequences. The equipment foreman must be appointed by the operator.
- Trained personnel: "Trained personnel" are persons who, due to their training, are authorized to carry out the required work.

1.3. Legal basis

See "Manufacturer's Certificate" resp. "Certificate of Conformity".

1.4. Fields of applications

Sterling single conveying units are designed for use in facilities that require independent machine conveying systems. The single conveying units have been developed for conveying thermoplastic granules. A typical area of application is for processing machines and drying hoppers with throughputs of up to 400 lbs./hr (180 kg/h).

1.5. Notes on usage

- Experienced operators can begin directly with the chapter on "Start-up" if the unit has been properly installed.
- If the unit has not been installed yet, observe the instructions in the chapters "Transport, Assembly and Storage" and "Assembly Instructions".

2. Safety instructions



These safety instructions apply to all persons within the range of action of the equipment, and should be used by all persons assigned activities connected with the equipment.

Please inform all persons within the range of action of the equipment of the direct and indirect hazards connected with the equipment.

Knowledge of the English language is prerequisite.

Ensure that all operating personnel are familiar with the operating instructions and the function of the equipment.

2.1. For your safety

2.1.1. **General**

To prevent injury and/or damage to equipment, observe the following safety rules:

- Read these operating instructions carefully before operating for the first time. Contact
 us should questions arise.
- These operating instructions must be kept available at all times at the place of operation of the equipment.
- Please note that, for reasons of clarity, not all conceivable cases regarding operation or maintenance of the equipment can be covered in these operating instructions.
- Observe all safety instructions and warnings on the equipment.
- All work on the equipment is to be carried out by persons whose qualifications are specified in the pertaining chapters of the operating instructions.
- Wear proper working clothes while performing any work on the equipment.
- The local regulations and requirements pertaining to this equipment must be observed.
- Disconnect electrical components from the main power supply before work is carried out on these components
- Compile detailed operating instructions based on these operating instructions for the sequence of procedures to be carried out on this equipment.
- Please note that sound levels exceeding 85 db(A) may in the long term damage your health. Use appropriate ear protection to prevent hearing impairment.

2.1.2. Assembly

To prevent injury and/or damage to equipment, observe the following safety rules:

- Compare the connected loads with those of the main supply.
- Use care when using lifting gear, and observe any pertaining regulations.
- Do not modify, add other equipment or change the design of the equipment without the approval of the manufacturer.
- Attachments not supplied by Sterling must be manufactured in accordance with safety regulation EN 294.
- Make sure all the accessories and components are properly connected in accordance with any relevant regulations.
- To prevent electrical shock, operate the device only if all its components are grounded.
- Do not allow solid particles and dust to enter to the vacuum generator.

2.1.3. Operation

To prevent injury and/or damage to equipment, observe the following safety rules:

- Appoint an equipment foreman to be responsible for the equipment.
- Ensure that the operating personnel are provided detailed instruction in the operation of the equipment.
- When the main switch is switched off for reasons pertaining to safety, it must be secured against unauthorized activation.
- Repair work may be carried out by trained personnel only.
- Never operate the equipment when partially dismantled.
- In case of malfunction, shut down the equipment immediately. Have malfunctions corrected immediately.
- The equipment is intended only for conveying granulated plastics and regrinds. Any other or additional use is contrary to specifications.
- This equipment is not suitable for food processing.
- The safety instructions of the connected machines must be followed.
- Explosive gases and mixtures of gas and air must not be conveyed.

2.1.4. Maintenance

To prevent injury and/or damage to equipment, observe the following safety rules:

- Before starting maintenance work, appoint a supervisor.
- Inform the responsible personnel before maintenance work on the system is started.
- Disconnect the equipment from main supply before starting maintenance procedures to ensure that it cannot be switched on unintentionally.
- All pipes, hoses and screwed connections should be checked regularly for leaks and damage. Any faults that arise should be corrected immediately.
- Depressurize all compressed air piping before starting maintenance work.

2.2. For the operating safety of the equipment

Never change settings if the consequences are not precisely known.

Use only original Sterling spare parts.

Please observe the maintenance schedule.

Keep record of all maintenance and repair work.

Please note that electronic components may be damaged by static discharge.

Check all electrical connections for proper fit before the equipment operated for the first time and at regular intervals.

The operating temperature range is 32 to +113 °F (0 °C to +45 °C).

The recommended storage temperature range is -13 to +131 °F (-25 °C and +55 °C).

Write down all data that you have entered into the control system.

Please ensure that all plugs are correctly plugged in.

The operating instructions of the connected machines must be followed.

Operate the device only if all its components are grounded.

Never adjust sensors without exact knowledge of their function.

Please note that a compressed air supply is required for the operation of the active cleaning option.

Compressed air supply for the active cleaning option should not exceed 87 PSI (6 bar) (active cleaning option only).

Align the suction tubes correctly.

The unit should be installed in such a way that the outlet flap swings at right angles to the moving direction of the equipment.

The load-bearing capacity of the machine flange should be adhered to.

A level indicator is required when conveying from granulators.

The maximum conveying capacity is up to 400 lbs./hr (180 kg/hr) at 100% operating time.

The typical conveying capacity is up to 200 lbs./hr (90 kg/hr) at 50 % operating time.

3. Transport, Assembly and Storage



This chapter is intended for all operating personnel of the equipment.

Personnel using these instructions must be instructed in the regulations for the prevention of accidents, the operating conditions and safety regulations and their implementation.

Ensure in each case that the operating personnel are sufficiently informed.

Please inform all persons within the range of action of the equipment of the direct and indirect hazards connected with the equipment.

Please observe all safety regulations for the operation of lifting equipment.

3.1. Transport and Packing



Please ensure adequate carrying capacity of the lifting equipment.

The equipment passes rigorous testing in the factory and is packed carefully to avoid transport damage.

Please check packing on delivery for transport damage.

The inlet and discharge flanges are sealed with plugs, so that no dirt can enter during transport. Plugs must be removed before assembly.

Packing materials should be disposed of according to environmental laws or reused.

Only use for transport of the equipment a suitable lifting device (e. g. a fork lift truck or a workshop crane).

Transport must be shock-proofed and free from vibrations.

3.2. Assembly



Please ensure adequate carrying capacity of the lifting equipment.

Check the carrying capacity of the point of installation, particularly if installed on a platform.

The place selected for installation should be as free of vibrations as possible.

The main power switch must be freely accessible.

Ground the equipment against electrostatic charging.

3.3. Storage

The control system may only be stored at temperatures from -13 to +131 °F (-25 to +55°C).

Between delivery and machine commissioning, the equipment should be stored in a dry, dust-free and vibration-free room.

4. Assembly instructions



These installation instructions are intended for persons with skills in electrical and mechanical areas due to their training, experience and received instructions.

Personnel using these installation instructions must be instructed in the regulations for the prevention of accidents, the operating conditions and safety regulations and their implementation.

Ensure in each case that the personnel are sufficiently knowledgeable about the equipment.

The installation instructions provided in the corresponding operating instructions apply for all connected equipment.

Please observe all safety regulations for the operation of lifting gear.

All installation work must be carried out with the equipment disconnected from electrical power and compressed air supply.



For installation work taking place at heights of over approx. 6 feet, use only ladders or similar equipment and working platforms intended for this purpose. At greater heights, the proper equipment for protection against falling must be used.

Use only suitable lifting gear that is in proper working order and load suspension devices with sufficient carrying capacity. Do not stand or work under suspended loads!

Use only suitable workshop equipment.



Install the equipment so that all parts are easily accessible; this facilitates maintenance and repair work.

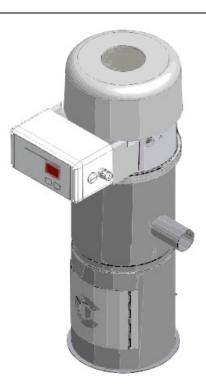
4.1. Unpacking

The loader is insensitive to shocks and can be mounted directly onto the processing machine, on a machine hopper, a drying hopper or a dosing and blending unit.

The equipment is delivered as a complete assembly.

Use the following procedure to prepare the machine for assembly:

- 1. Unpack the equipment.
- 2. Remove the plastic stopper (A) from the material inlet nozzle.
- 3. Open the flap (B) and remove the adhesive tape from the exit flap.





The controller must be freely accessible.

Figure 1: SSE 2

4.2. Installing the Dump Valve Sensor

The controller uses a dump valve sensor (A) with a magnet (B) to determine demand. When the dump valve is closed, indicating demand, the magnet is pushed towards the sensor. The presence of the magnet near the sensor indicates demand and triggers a new conveying cycle.

When the dump valve is open, indicating that no material is needed, the magnet is pushed up and away from the sensor. If the sensor does not detect the magnet, it does not trigger a new conveying cycle.

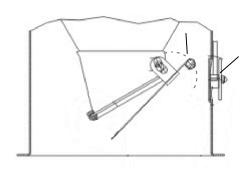


Figure 2: Dump valve and sensor

To install the dump valve sensor, insert the appliance plug of the dump valve sensor into the connector (Figure 3) on the lower side of the controller.

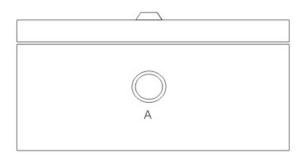


Figure 3: Lower side of the controller

4.3. Attaching the Pickup Wand

Use the following procedure to attach the pickup wand:

- 1. The pickup wand must be connected to flexible hose to allow sufficient movement. The length of the hose should not exceed 10 feet (3 meters). Push the free pipe end approximately 1.5" to 2" (4-5 cm) into the hose. Use a hose clamp to secure the connection. The flex hose should not cover the aeration holes on the pickup wand.
- 2. Slide the flexible hose onto the material inlet. Use the hose clamps supplied to secure the flex hose.

The pickup wand needs no adjustment for most applications. Insert it into the material to be conveyed and turn the loader on. Some applications require a more defined air-to-material ratio.

The pickup wand can be angled up to approximately 45 degrees in either direction to the vertical. Additional fastening is not required.

When conveying from the bottom of storage containers (silos, surge bins, blender bins, etc.), a suction box is required.

4.4. Mounting

Please check during assembly that the admissible bearing loads are not exceeded.

Mount the loader in such a way that the outlet flap swings in a right angle to the direction of machine movement.

Please check that all connecting points are tight to ensure that the conveying performance is not impaired.

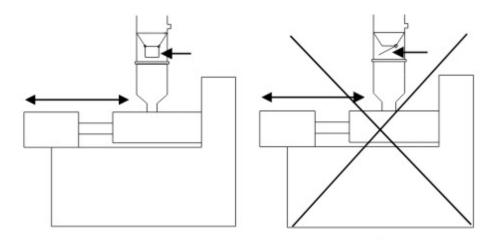


Figure 4: Mounting

4.4.1. Mounting on the processing machine

A material hopper VT 1.0 is required:

- 1. Mount the material hopper onto the flange of the processing machine.
- 2. Mount the unit onto the material hopper.

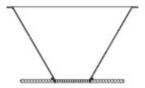


Figure 5: VT 1.0



Observe the bearing capacity of the machine flange.

4.4.2. Mounting onto a machine hopper

A welding flange EF 190 is required:



Please observe all safety regulations for the operation of welding equipments.



Always wear safety goggles.

Figure 6: EF 190

- 1. Weld the welding flange into the machine hopper lid.
- 2. Mount the unit onto the flange.

4.4.3. Mounting onto mixing hoppers with lateral inlet

A material hopper VT 1.0 is required:

- 1. Mount the material hopper onto the swan-neck of the mixing hopper.
- 2. Mount the unit onto the intermediate hopper.

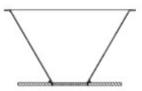


Figure 7: VT 1.0



Observe the bearing capacity of the machine flange.

4.4.4. Mounting onto dosing station DT 30

A dosing hopper DT 30 (12.6", 320 mm high) is required:

- 1. Mount the dosing hopper directly onto the dosing container of the dosing station DT 30.
- 2. Mount the unit onto the dosing hopper.

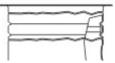


Figure 8: DT 30



Observe the bearing capacity of the machine flange.

4.5. Electrical connection



The regulations of the local Electricity Board must be observed.

Before connection to the electricity supply, ensure that the supply voltage and the power frequency are in accordance with the data on the nameplate of the machine.

The electrical connection may only be carried out by Sterling service staff or trained personnel authorized by Sterling.

It is not permitted for other persons to undertake the electrical connection.

The main switch must be freely accessible.

Ground the equipment against electrostatic charging.

The operating voltage is 110V/1/60 Hz. Special voltages are available on request.

The connected load is approx. 800 W.

The equipment is connected to main power supply by a standard plug.

Separate fuse protection of the wall socket is required (max. 16 A).

4.6. Installation of the optional SKW proportioning valve



Before proceeding, review the connecting diagram included with the unit. For more information, refer to the manual that shipped with the SKW valve.

Connecting the SKW-E proportioning valve:

Control and power of the proportioning valve is supplied through a 4-wire control connection.

Brown – Positive Power X7, L

Blue – Negative power X7, N

Black – Line signal X7, ZKW

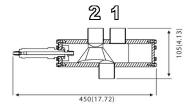
Green w/ Yellow – Ground X3

- 1. Remove the control box face, and locate the removable plug in the bottom of the box
- 2. Remove the plug and feed the wire of the proportioning valve through the empty hole.
- 3. Tighten the lock nut inside, position the wire length for optimum use and tighten the lock nut on the outside.
- 4. Strip the wires so that 1/4" of wire is showing, for connection to terminal blocks.
- 5. Upon removal of the loader control face you will see two printed circuit boards. One board on the reverse of the control face, and the other mounted inside the control box. The ground wire will connect to the terminal block X3 on the back of the control face. The other three wires connect to terminal block X7 inside the control box, in order from left to right Brown, Blue, then Black. Please refer to the schematic in the back of the manual.

Connecting Material Lines:

Component 1 – connected to the intake port furthest from the air cylinder (regrind)

Component 2 – connected to the intake port closest to the air cylinder (virgin)



Setting the ratio:

When the loader motor is not running, pressing the arrow key on the valve's controller will change the percentage of component 1. This can be set from 0% to 99%

Set the cycle switching:

Press and hold the percentage key on the valve's controller. Then by pressing the up arrow, you will be selecting the cycle time period in increments of 5 sec.

For example, if the convey time is 60 seconds and you select a cycle time period of 10 sec. the valve will switch a total of 6 times.

5. Functional Description



This functional description is intended for all operating personnel of the equipment.

General knowledge of conveying systems is required to operate the equipment

Ensure in each case that the operating personnel are sufficiently knowledgeable about the equipment.

5.1. Sequence of Operation

The sequence of operation is as follows:

- 1. Plug in the machine and move the on/off switch to the "on" position
- 2. All LEDs on the controller will blink, and the software version is displayed on the screen.
- 3. A 2-second blowback pulse will clean the filter. During blowback, the screen will display "A2."
- 4. The motor starts, and conveying begins. The screen displays a countdown of the conveying time. Conveying time can be set for 1-99 seconds.
- 5. If the optional purge valve is installed, line purging begins, and the screen displays a countdown of purge time. Purge time can be set for 0-99 seconds.
- 6. The motor shuts off for 8 seconds while material dumps. The screen displays "L8." The 8-second dump time is a fixed setting and is not adjustable.
- 7. The controller checks for demand, and if material is needed, the cycle starts over from step 3.

5.2. Controller

3 LEDs indicate the respective modes of operation: blowback, conveying, purging, and dumping.

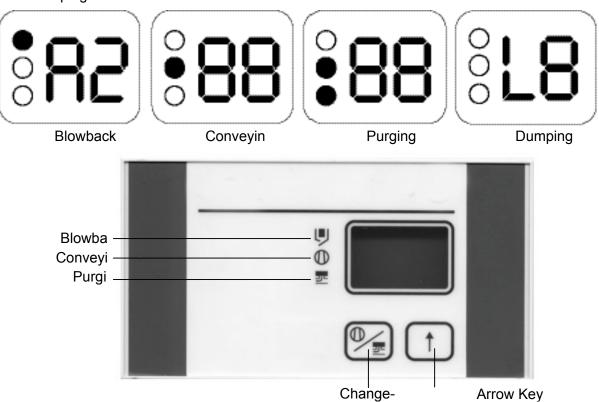


Figure 9: Controller

6. Operation



This chapter is intended for operating personnel.

General knowledge of the operation of conveying systems is required to perform these tasks. Make sure you have read and understood the Functional Description chapter in this manual before operating the equipment.

Ensure that all operating personnel are sufficiently knowledgeable about the equipment.



Make sure the plastic stopper has been removed from the material inlet nozzle. Make sure the adhesive tape has been removed from the exit flap.

6.1. Switching on the unit

Locate the power switch on the left side of the control box and switch it to the "on" position.

6.2. Checking the Flexible Hose

Before operating the equipment, check to make sure the suction is working:

- 1. Remove pickup wand from the flexible hose.
- 2. Cover the open end of the hose with your hand.
- 3. Connect the unit to the main power supply and turn the machine on.
- a. If the motor is operating, your hand will feel the suction within few seconds.
- b. If you don't feel the vacuum, the flexible hose is not tight.
- 4. Check the hose and seal any loose points you may have identified.
- 5. Reconnect the pickup wand.

6.3. Setting the Conveying Time



Do not overfill the hopper loader



The conveying time cannot be set while the unit is in the process of conveying material.

By correctly setting the conveying time, you can reduce vacuum motor wear, save energy, and reduce your need to maintain filters:

- 1. Turn on the hopper loader
- 2. Observe the flex hose and the material in which you buried the pickup probe. Listen to the vacuum motor and the sound that the material makes as it enters the hopper loader.
- 3. When the hopper loader is full, the conveying rate drops off sharply. You can observe this condition in the clear flex hose and the material container in which you buried the pickup probe. When the hopper loader is full, the vacuum motor and material sounds also change.
- 4. Make a note of the elapsed time from the start of conveying to the time the hopper loader is full.
- 5. Turn the hopper loader off
- 6. Disable the conveying cycle by disconnecting the dump valve sensor from the controller. With the dump valve sensor disabled, no demand will be indicated, and the conveying cycle will not start.
- 7. Turn the hopper loader on.
- 8. Use the arrow key to adjust the conveying time to slightly shorter than it takes to fill the hopper loader. For example, if the hopper is full by the 30-second point of the conveying sequence, set the conveying time to 28 seconds.



NOTE: To decrease the load time setting it is necessary to cycle the time setting past 99 and then to the desired setting. There is no "down" button.

9. With the new time setting entered, reconnect the dump valve sensor. Conveying should start again.



The conveying time that was last selected appears in the display.

The conveying time can be set at 1 to 99 seconds.

- If the hopper loader is overfilling, reduce the conveying time.
- If the hopper loader is not filling to capacity, increase the conveying time.
- 10. Check operation to ensure proper settings. If settings are not right, repeat steps 1-9.

6.4. Setting the Purge Time (optional)

To set the purge time, press and hold the "change-over" key while using the "arrow key" to adjust the time.



The purge time that was last selected appears in the display.

The purge time can be set at 1 to 99 seconds.



If no line clearing valve has been installed, enter "0".

- 1. Turn the hopper loader off.
- 2. Disable the conveying cycle by disconnecting the dump valve sensor from the controller. With the dump valve sensor disabled, no demand will be indicated, and the conveying cycle will not start.
- 3. Turn the hopper loader on.
- 4. Enter a conveying time setting. (See Section 6.3. on page 6-3.)
- 5. Enter a purge time. This is done by pressing (and holding) the change-over key (the bottom and center LED should be lit). Then pressing the arrow key. The purge time on the display will increase.
- 6. Reconnect the dump valve sensor. Conveying should start.
- 7. Verify both the load time and purge time settings. This can be done by observing the conveying cycle. When loader motor starts it will convey material for the time entered. After this time expires, the motor stays on and the line clearing valve is activated. At this time, the conveying line will be "purged" clean of material. When the settings are correct, the load time is just long enough to pull the desired amount of material into the conveying line and the purge time is just long enough to clean out the line. Once both of these functions are complete, the material level in the hopper should be at the material inlet level, but not above. If this is not the case readjust the settings by repeating steps 1-7.

NOTE: To decrease the load time and purge settings, it is necessary to cycle the time setting past 99 and then to the desired setting. There is no "down" button.

8. Once the settings are optimized, the loader is ready for operation.

6.5. Initial Operation

Metal shavings may be inside the pipe from cutting down pipes into lengths. These are pulled during the first conveying process and collected in the separator.



This material should not be used again.

6.6. Switching off the unit

Locate the power switch on the left side of the control box and switch it to the "off" position.

7. Troubleshooting



This chapter is intended for the operating personnel of the equipment.

General knowledge of the operation of conveying systems is required to perform these tasks.

Make sure you have read and understood the "Start-up" section of this manual before proceeding.

Ensure that the operating personnel are sufficiently knowledgeable about the equipment.

7.1. Alarms

An alarm will be triggered if there is no material to convey or if the loader overheats.



An "E" appears in the display and an error number.

And alarm will sound.



Do not restart operation until the malfunction has been corrected.

The following error messages can be displayed:

"E1"

The alarm message "E1" is displayed when no material has been conveyed during 3 consecutive conveying cycles.

- Check that sufficient material is being conveyed.
- Check that the flap switch is set correctly.

As supplied, this feature is disabled. To enable it:

- 1. Turn the loader off and remove power.
- 2. Remove the cover from the control.
- 3. Remove the two wires that are connected to terminals X9 and X6
- 4. Replace the cover and turn the loader on.

"E2"

If the control system becomes too hot during operation (>158°F, 70°C) the "E2" alarm message is displayed and the unit is switched off.

Allow the system to cool before restarting.



When the malfunction has been corrected, turn the power off and then on again to restart.

8. Maintenance



This chapter is intended for persons with skills in electrical and mechanical areas due to their training, experience and received instructions.

Personnel using the instructions in this chapter must be instructed of the regulations for the prevention of accidents, the operating conditions and safety regulations and their implementation.

Ensure in each case that the personnel are sufficiently knowledgeable about the equipment.

For maintenance work taking place at heights of over approx. 6 feet, use only ladders or similar equipment and working platforms intended for this purpose. At greater heights, the proper equipment for protection against falling must be worn.

Use only suitable lifting gear that is in proper working order and load suspension devices with sufficient carrying capacity. Do not stand or work under suspended loads!

Ensure that the electric motors/switch cabinets are sufficiently protected against moisture.

Use only suitable workshop equipment.

Before starting maintenance work, appoint a supervisor.

Inform the responsible personnel before maintenance work on the system is started.

Never operate the equipment when partially dismantled.

All maintenance and repair work not described in this chapter may only be carried out by Sterling service personnel or authorized personnel (appointed by Sterling).



Disconnect the equipment from main power supply before starting maintenance procedures to ensure that it cannot be switched on unintentionally.

Depressurize all system sections of the equipment before carrying out any repair work.



Please observe the maintenance intervals.

Before starting maintenance work, clean the equipment of oil, fuel or lubricants.

Ensure that materials and incidentals required for operation as well as spare parts are disposed of properly and in an environmentally sound manner.

Use only original Sterling spare parts.

Keep record of all maintenance and repair procedures.

8.1. Maintenance intervals

Daily: Check that warning labels on the equipment are clear and

readable

Clean the sieve or filter

Use compressed air to blow through the sieve or filter (according

to the accumulation of dust)

Monthly: Check function of the power cord and plug

Every 6 months: Check all electrical and mechanical connections for tight fit

Check setting of the level sensor (if present, optional)

Replace the sieve or filter (according to the accumulation of dust)

Annually: Replace outlet valve sealing.

Adjust valve switch

After 1000

operating hours: Replace carbon brushes



The given maintenance intervals are average values.

Check whether in your individual case the maintenance intervals must be shortened.

8.2. Servicing the Loader



Disconnect the unit from main power supply by unplugging it.

Depressurize all system sections of the equipment (only units with active cleaning).

8.2.1. Changing the sealing ring of the outlet flap

- 1. Open the toggle-type fasteners (A) and the flap (B) of the hopper loader.
- 2. Draw the old sealing ring (C) off the nozzle of the material outlet.
- 3. Install the new sealing ring (C).



Make sure the new sealing ring (C) in installed properly. Do not install the sealing ring upside-down.

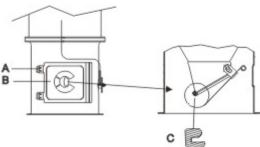


Figure 10: Installation sealing ring

4. Close the flap (B) and the toggle-type fasteners (A).



Order number sealing ring "material outlet": ID 29258

8.2.2. Adjusting the dump valve sensor

- Stop the conveying cycle by disconnecting the dump valve sensor from the controller. With the dump valve sensor disabled, no demand will be indicated, and conveying will stop.
- 2. Connect an ohmmeter to PINS 2 and 3 of the dump valve sensor.
- Release the nuts (A) of the dump valve sensor (B) until the support can be displaced.

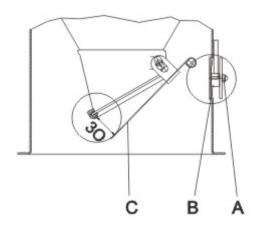


Figure 11: Dump Valve

- 4. Open the dump valve (C) so far that the front tip of the outlet flap is approx. 1.2" (30 mm) away from the sealing surface.
- 5. Displace the dump valve sensor (B) until the contact of the magnet switch is closed.
- 6. Tighten the nuts (A) of the dump valve sensor.
- 7. Check the adjustment: In case of free hanging dump valve (empty hopper loader) the contact of the magnet switch must be closed.
- 8. If the dump valve sensor cannot be properly adjusted, replace the dump valve with magnet or the sensor.



Order numbers

Sensor with plug: ID 29570

Dump valve with magnet: ID 28647

8.2.3. Cleaning the unit

- 1. Open the tension ring.
- 2. Tilt the turbine head upwards.
- 3. Remove the filter.
- 4. Clean the filter by means of compressed-air.
- 5. Clean the hopper loader by means of a vacuum cleane
- 6. Mount the filter. Pay attention for proper fit.
- 7. Mount the turbine head.
- 8. Mount the tension ring.





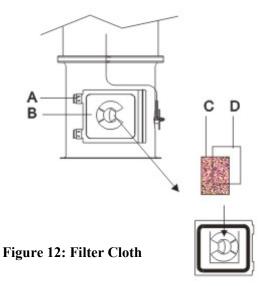
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filter with sealing: ID 37755

Cleaning the filter cloth:

- Open the toggle-type fasteners

 (A) and the flap (B) of the hopper loader.
- Check the filter cloth (C) and the wire cloth (D) for material residue. Clean the filter by means of compressed air.
- 3. Close the flap (B) and the toggletype fasteners (A) on the flap of the hopper loader.





Order numbers

Filter cloth: ID 28626 Wire cloth: ID 23091

8.2.4. Replacing carbon brushes at the motor



This work must be carried out by qualified personnel only.

Disconnect the unit from main power supply before working on the controller.

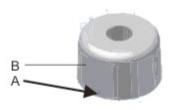
Remove compressed air and depressurize unit prior to disassembly.

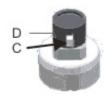
Disassemble the unit:

- 1. Remove the screws (A) at the lid.
- 2. Remove the lid (B).
- 3. Remove the latch carefully from the brush holder (C).
- 4. Remove the cover (D).
- 5. Loosen the brush holder lock.
- 6. Pull out the brush holder.

Installation:

- Push the latch with the connecting line onto the new brush holder.
- 2. Mount the brush holder.
- 3. Please be careful with the latchet connecting line.
- 4. Mount the cover.
- 5. Mount the lid.
- 6. Mount the screws at the lid.
- 7. Install the unit.





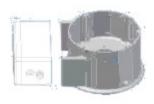


Figure 13: Replacing the carbon brushes



Verify that no cables are pinched or cut.

Carbon brushes can be replaced twice.

After that the turbine has to be completely replaced.



Order numbers

Turbine (230 V, 800 W): ID 85629

Carbon brushes (switching off): ID 85628

Turbine (110 V, 800 W): ID 85844

Carbon brushes (switching off): ID 84716

9. Technical data



These instructions apply to all persons within the range of action of the equipment.

These operating instructions are to be used by all persons assigned activities connected with the equipment.

Integrated control with:

- LED-display
- indication of the respective modes of operation
- adjustable conveying time
- adjustable line clearing time

Integrated vacuum pump

Integrated filter with automatic cleaning

Parts coming in contact with material are made of stainless steel

Simple mounting to dosing and blending units due to compact and weight saving design Alarm output

Automatic shut-down with lack of material

Display of error codes

Optional Features

- Material purge valve output with adjustable line purging time.
- Two component valve output
- Granulator level sensor input

Performance

Conveying capacity max. up to 440 lbs./hr (200 kg/hr) at 100 % operating time

Hopper loader capacity: ca. 0.088 cu. ft. (2.5 l)

Connected load: 230 V, AC, N, PE, 50/60 Hz, 0,8 kW; 110 V, AC, N, 60 Hz

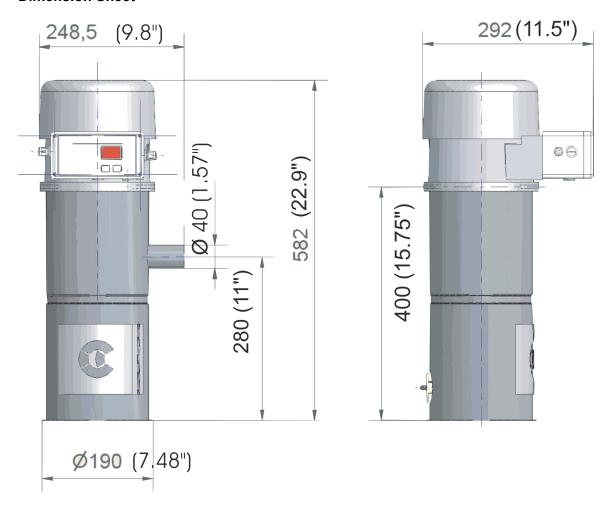
Material temperature max. 176°F (80 °C)

Noise level max. approx. 80 db(A)

Weight approx. 22 lbs. (10 kg)

Air consumption: max. 0.35 cu. ft. at 87 PSI (10 I at 6 bar) per cleaning cycle

Dimension Sheet



10. Spare parts list



This spare parts list is intended to be used only by trained personnel.

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Wear Code:

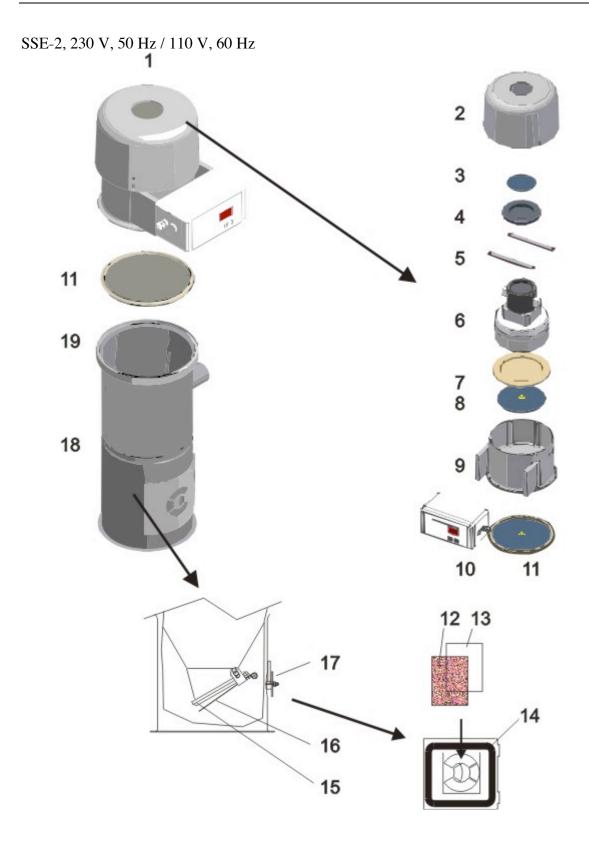
A = Wearing part, wears quickly

B = Wearing part

C = Spare part, reorder every year

D = Spare part, reorder every 2 years

E = Spare part, rarely reordered



10.1. SSE-2, 230 V, 50 Hz

Pos.	Order	no. Designation	Wear Code		
1	37767	Turbine head complete, with turbine			
		and controller			
2	37765	Covering cap			
3	18491	Sieve			
4	34197	Isolation			
5	37768	Support			
6	85629	Turbine (800 W)	D		
	85628	Carbon brushes (switching of	f) B		
7	24679	Isolation			
8	26384	Filter round			
9	37764	Turbine lower part			
	98194	Cable bushing			
10	82277	Controller "ECO"			
	83098	High comfort control			
11	35014	Sieve with sealing ring	A		
12	28626	Filter cloth	C		
13	23091	Wire cloth	C		
14		SealingC			
15	29258	Sealing ring	A		
16	28647	Outlet flap with magnet			
17	28839	Flap switch with plug	C		
	26462	Covering	C		
18	37761	Separator			
19	82566	Tension ring with sealing ring	g B		

10.2. SSE-2, 110 V, 60 Hz

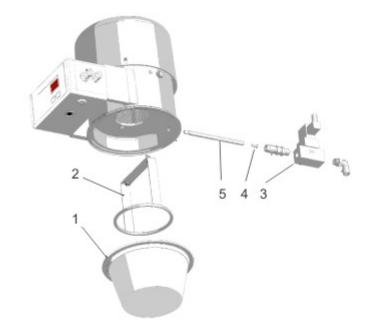
Pos.	Order	no. Designation	Wear Code
1	37777	Turbine head complete, with t	urbine
		and controller	
2	37765	Covering cap	
3	18491	Sieve	
4	34197	Isolation	
5	37768	Support	
6	85844	Turbine (800 W)	D
	84716	Carbon brushes (switching off	f) B
7		Isolation	
8	26384	Filter round	
9	37764	Turbine lower part	
	98194	Cable bushing	
10	83097	High comfort control	
11		Sieve with sealing ring	Α
12	28626	Filter cloth	C
13	23091	Wire cloth	C
14	28625	Sealing	C
15	29258	Sealing ring	Α
16	28647	Outlet flap with magnet	
17	28839	Flap switch with plug	C
	26462	Covering	C
18	37761	Separator	
19		Tension ring with sealing ring	В

10.3. SSE-2, 230 V, 50 Hz with active cleaning

Pos.	Order no. Designation	Wear Code
1	37755 Filter with sealing	A
2	37222 Basket	
3	82593 Solenoid valve	В
4	97745 Bush	D
5	37800 Breather tube	D

10.4. SSE-2, 110 V, 60 Hz with active cleaning

Pos.	Order no. Designation	Wear Code
1	37755 Filter with sealing	A
2	37222 Basket	
3	82592 Solenoid valve	В
4	97745 Bush	D
5	37800 Breather tube	D

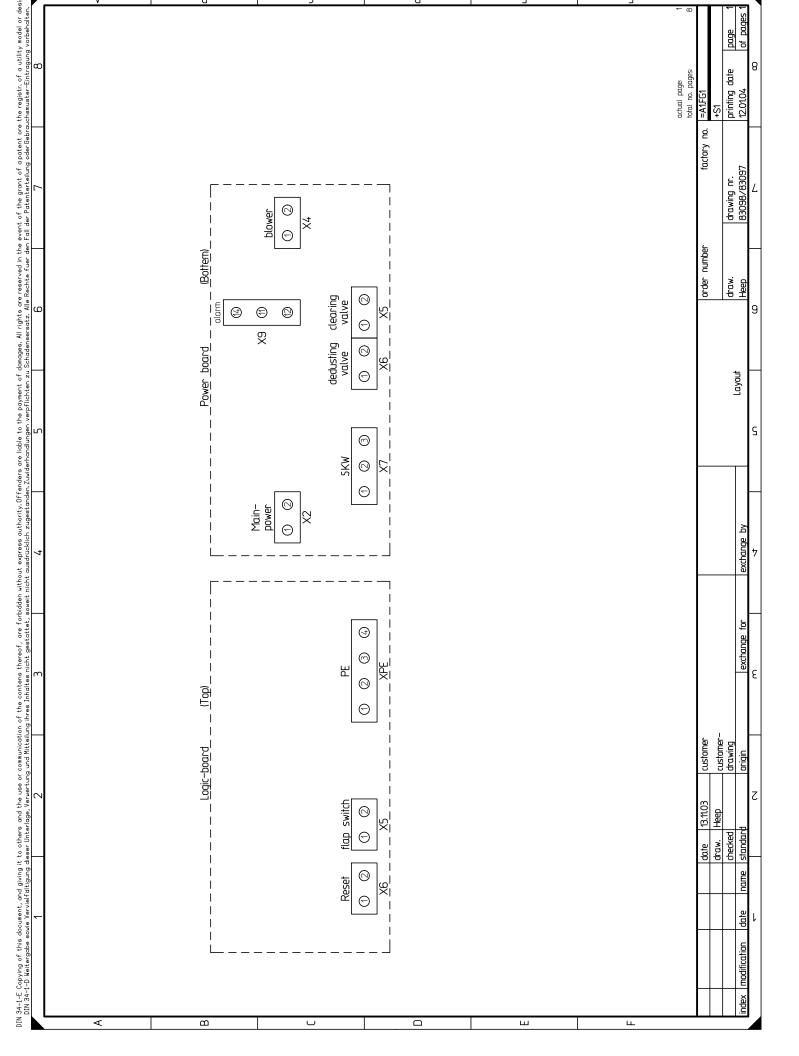


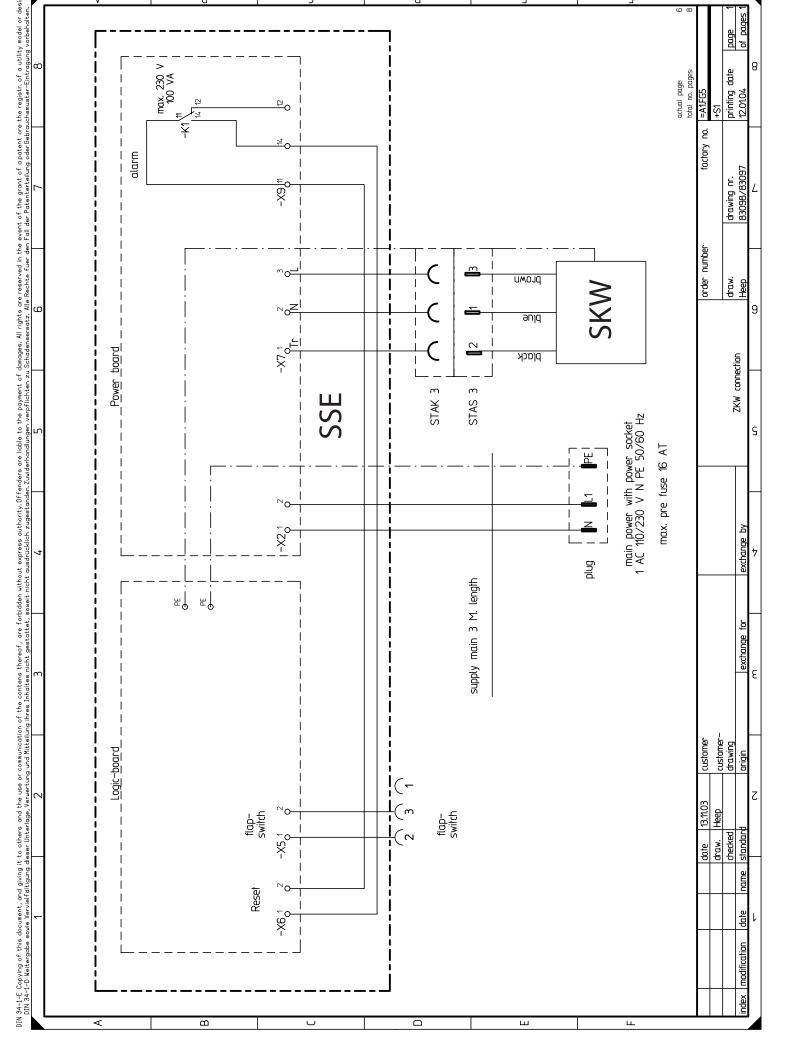
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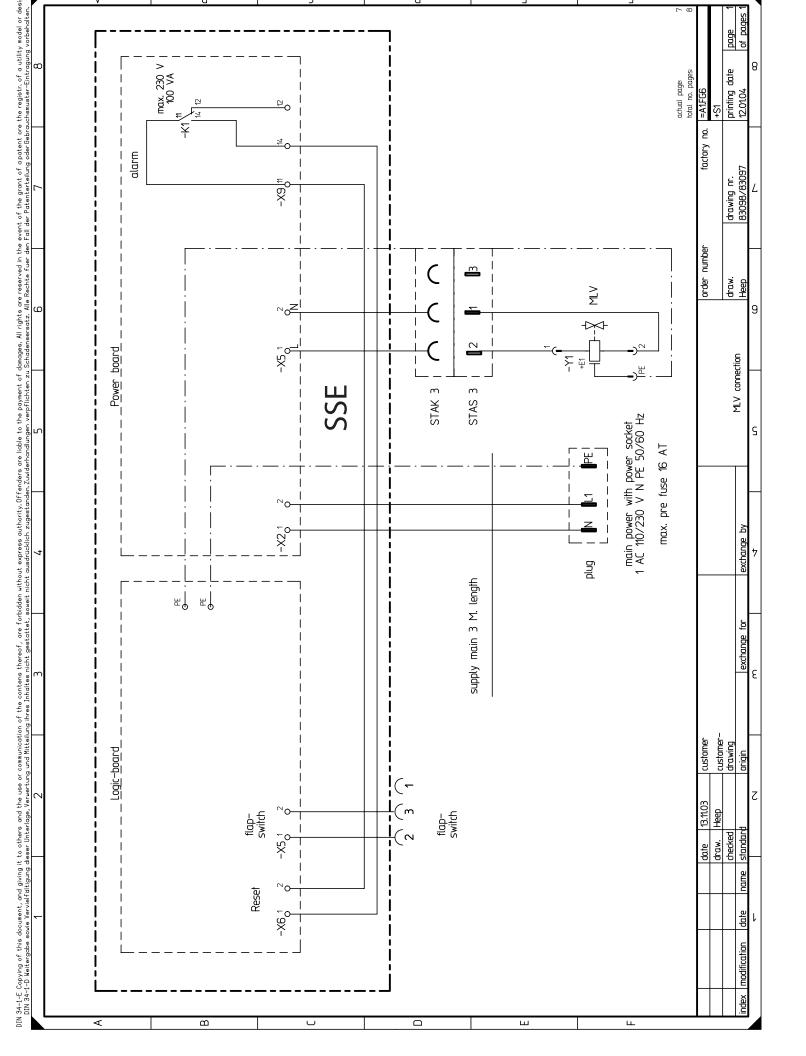
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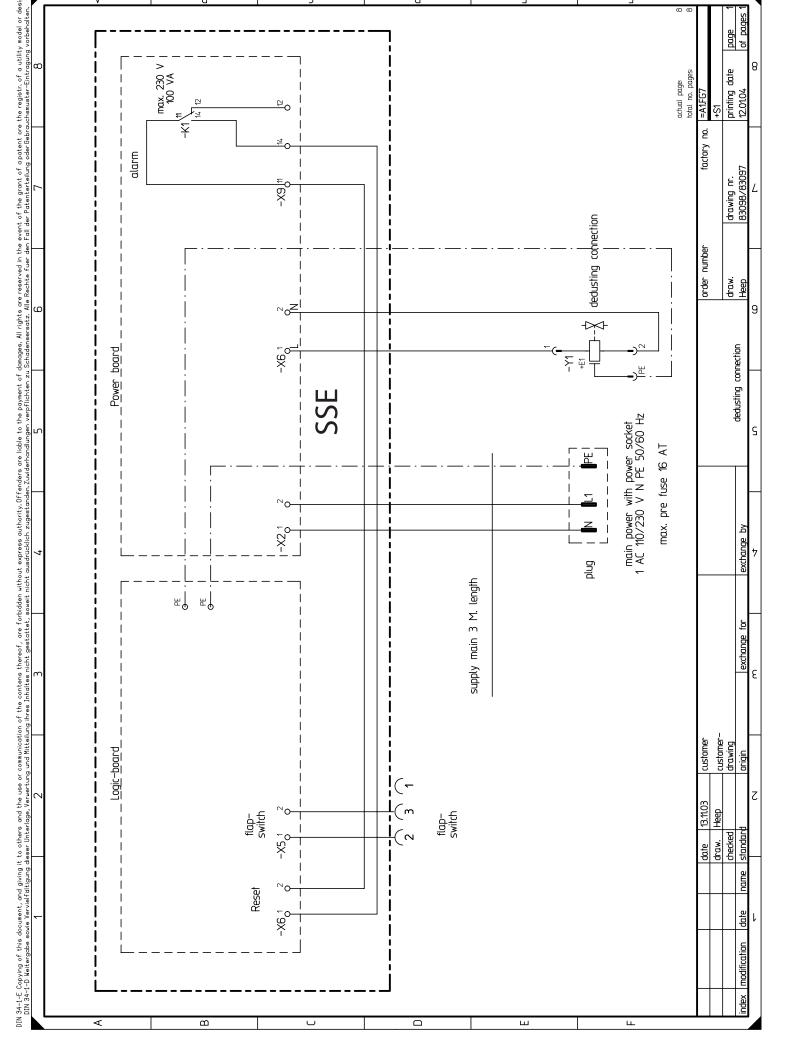
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1. Quick Start Guide

Turning on the loader:

 Locate the power switch on the left side of the control box and move to the 'ON' position.

Setting the loader convey time:

- It is only possible to set the convey time when the unit is not conveying material
- Disconnect the flapper valve switch from the control box, by unscrewing the plastic retainer ring, and pulling the plug straight down.



- Adjust the conveying time by pressing the up arrow button (the center LED on the display lights up). Convey time can be adjusted from 1 to 99 seconds, incrementally.
- Make note of the conveying level and adjust time accordingly .
- Please Note: The material level inside the loader should never exceed the material inlet.

Setting the line clearing time or purge time:

 It is only possible to set the purge time when the unit is not conveying material



 Press and hold the "change-over" key, (bottom LED on the display lights up)



- While holding the change-over key, adjust the purge time by pressing the up arrow. Purge time can be adjusted from 0 to 99 seconds.
- If no line clearing valve has been installed, be sure to set purging time to 0.
- Make note of the purge time and adjust for optimum efficiency

Connecting the SKW-E proportioning valve:

Control and power of the proportioning valve is supplied through a 4-wire control connection.

Brown – Pos. Power X7, L

Blue – Neg. power X7, N

Black – Line signal X7, ZKW

Green/Yellow –Ground X3

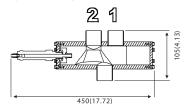
- Remove the control box face, and locate the removable plug in the bottom of the box.
- Remove the plug and feed the wire of the proportioning valve through the empty hole.
- Tighten the lock nut inside, position the wire length for optimum use and tighten the lock nut on the outside.
- Strip the wires so that 1/4" of wire is showing, for connection to terminal blocks.
- 5. Remove the loader control face.

Upon removal of the loader control face you will see two printed circuit boards. One board on the reverse of the control face, and the other mounted inside the control box. The ground wire will connect to the terminal block X3 on the back of the control face. The other three wires connect to terminal block X7 inside the control box, in order from left to right Brown, Blue, then Black. Please refer to the schematic in the back of the manual.

Connecting Material Lines:

Component 1 – connected to the intake port furthest from the air cylinder (regrind)

Component 2 – connected to the intake port closest to the air cylinder (virgin)



Setting the ratio:

When the loader motor is not running, pressing the up arrow key will change the percentage of component 1. This can be set from 0% to 99%

Set the cycle switching:

Press and hold the percentage key. Then by pressing the up arrow, you will be selecting the cycle time period in increments of 5 seconds.

Therefore, if the convey time is 60 seconds and you select a cycle time period of 10 seconds the valve will switch a total of 6 times.